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**Monterey Park Police Officer Charged
With Sexually Assaulting Women While on Duty**

A Monterey Park police officer has been charged with sexually assaulting or detaining three women while on duty, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Israel Sanchez (dob 3/17/76), who was arrested Monday, is scheduled to be arraigned sometime after 1:30 p.m. today in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$345,000 in case BA446666.

Deputy District Attorney Rosa Alarcon with the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

While on duty, Sanchez allegedly forced each victim to expose herself during a stop. In two instances, he allegedly touched the victims after ordering them to expose themselves. The victims were between 20 and 28 years old when the alleged assaults occurred between July 28, 2014, and Aug. 15, 2014.

Sanchez is charged with three counts of false imprisonment, one count of bribery, two counts of assault under color of authority and four counts of sexual battery by restraint, all felonies.

If convicted, Sanchez faces more than eight years in state prison.

The Long Beach Police Department launched an investigation at the request of the Monterey Park Police Department.

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